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Mr. Dale E. Hirschfeld  
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Re: Clinton Mine  
ACT/049/006

Dear Mr. Hirschfeld

The Division staff has finished reviewing the mining plan and application for variances for the Clinton Mine. Several areas in the plan and variances sought caused some questions to be raised.

The site plan map of the mine needs to be improved to clearly show areas of pre-1975 mining activity. It also should show the areas designated in the mining plan for stockpiling of topsoil and such stockpiling should be done.

During the visit of Ron Daniels and myself to the mine, we noticed that the waste disposal site of the subeconomic material was encroaching on an ephemeral drainage adjacent to the mining area and in one place completely blocked that drainage. This is in violation of Rule M-10(8), and such practice should be stopped and the waste dump be located elsewhere. Several alternatives for rectifying this problem were proposed by members of the Division staff. 1) The waste material could be removed from the drainage, or, 2) The waste material could be left as is, if Interpace can prove that the waste structure could withstand the runoff from a 24-hour 100 year precipitation event. We await your decision on this matter.

As to the variances sought, the only problem arose with the revegetation. Many of these questions could be answered through submittal of more detailed revegetation plan. Ms. Mary Ann Wright, Division staff Biologist, will be in contact with you to discuss the questions raised about the revegetation. (see attached page )

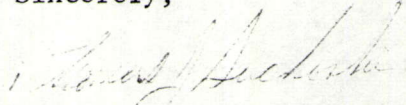


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Thank you for your patience in the time we have taken in dealing with your mining plan and also for your commitment to Rule M-10.

If you have any questions dealing with the above, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Summary of items necessary from the Division review of mining plan:

- 1) Improved site map.
  - a) pre-1975 mining activity outlined
  - b) topsoil stockpile areas designated
- 2) Method for rectifying Rule M-10(8) dealing with waste dumps.
- 3) Detailed, approved revegetation plan.